

### **Amendment to the Drawings**

Included with this Amendment is a four-page Appendix containing two (2) Replacement Sheets of formal drawings, and two (2) Replaced Sheets of drawings. These formal drawings include the following changes:

(1) In Fig. 2, the reference numeral 26, lead line, and the straight solid line arrow the lead line is leading to, all of which are located above the legend "Fig. 2", have been removed;

(2) In Fig. 3, the lead line and the straight solid line arrow the lead line is leading to, both of which are located between deflection arrow 34 and flange 24<sub>a</sub> of I-beam 24, have been removed; and

(3) In Figs. 2 and 3, the "brace" (i.e. "{}") above each figure has been elongated so as to encompass the entire figure.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet  
Replaced Sheets

### Remarks/Arguments

In the Notice of Allowance Dated October 11, 2006, which included an Examiner's Amendment based upon drawing changes authorized by Attorney of Record Jon M. Dickinson by telephone on September 28, 2006, the Examiner set a requirement for formal drawings which would implement changes in Figs. 2 and 3. Those changes have now been made, and in addition, the informalities indicated on the "Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review" have all been addressed. Entry of the currently submitted formal drawings, and issuance of the anticipated patent, are respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the amendment or remarks, the Examiner is invited to contact Attorney-of-Record Jon M. Dickinson, Esq., at 503-504-2271.

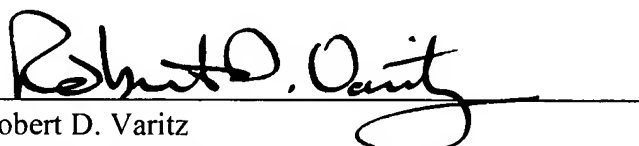
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